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Hongkong, March 1, 1878.

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Hongkong, October 15, 1878. no15

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Intimations.

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GOODS RECEIVED ON STORAGE at Cheap Rates, in FIRST-CLASS GODOWNS, under European supervision; and VESSELS Discharged alongside the WHARF, on favorable Terms, with quick despatch.

MEYER & Co., Proprietors.
Hongkong, August 26, 1878. no23

THE GREAT NORTHERN TELEGRAPH COMPANY.

Hongkong Office, October 30, 1878.

IN consequence of the present low rates of exchange the charges on all telegrams forwarded from this office will be increased 10 per cent. on and after the 1st November next.

By Order, C. F. SCHULTZ, Secretary, Superintendent, p. 1.

For Sale.

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LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.

Hongkong, October 16, 1878.

Intimations.



SEALED TENDERS will be Received by the Undersigned on or before SATURDAY, the 2nd Proximo, at 11 A.M., for the REPAIRS and REWINDING OF ROOF of the ROPE STORE of this Yard, according to Specification, which can be seen on Application at the Naval Storekeeper's Office.

J. BRENNER, Naval Storekeeper.

ROYAL NAVAL YARD, Hongkong, October 26, 1878. no2

AFONG,

PHOTOGRAPHER, by appointment, to H. E. SIR ARTHUR KENNEDY, H. E. ADMIRAL ALFRED P. RYDER, and to H. I. H. THE GRAND DUKE ALEXIS OF RUSSIA.

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In a Superior Style at Moderate Charges.

STUDIO, QUEEN'S ROAD, Nearly opposite The Hongkong Hotel.

Hongkong, September 19, 1878.

DENTAL NOTICE.

DR. ROGERS begs to say that he intends VISITING AMOY and Foochow, leaving Hongkong September 15th, and returning November 1st.

Hongkong, August 21, 1878.

THE EASTERN EXTENSION AUSTRALASIA AND CHINA TELEGRAPH COMPANY LIMITED.

IN consequence of the present low Rates of Exchange, the CHARGES on all TELEGRAMS sent through this Office will be INCREASED 10 PER CENT. on and after the 1st NOVEMBER next.

J. ENSTON SQUIER, Superintendent.

Hongkong, October 30, 1878. no6

NOTICE.

FROM the 1st OCTOBER, DR. EASTLAKE will receive his PATIENTS in his new DENTAL ROOMS, No. 50, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, over the MEDICAL HALL.

Hongkong, September 23, 1878.

MURRAY & LANMAN'S

FLORIDA WATER.

CAUTION.

HAVING Learned that Large Quantities of IMITATIONS of our FLORIDA WATER have recently been imported to Hongkong, we caution the Public against purchasing any that does not bear the name "MURRAY & LANMAN" on the label.

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Messrs MELOCHERS & Co. are our only Agents for Sale of the Genuine Florida Water at Hongkong.

LANMAN & KEMP.

New York, July 5, 1878. no20

Intimations.

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Hongkong, October 21, 1878. no20

MOORE & Co., "VARIETY STORE," NEWS AGENTS and TOBACCONISTS.

No. 42, Queen's Road Central.

Hongkong, September 10, 1878.

Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.

THE INTEREST and RESPONSIBILITY of Mr DAVID ROBERT FENTON CRAWFORD in our Shanghai Firm, CEASED on 31st March last.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.

Shanghai, October 10, 1878. no14

NORTH CHINA INSURANCE COMPANY.

FROM This Date, and during the Absence of the Undersigned, Mr REGINALD DIGBY STARKEY is authorized to Act as AGENT for the Company in Hongkong.

J. KENNARD DAVIS, Agent.

Hongkong, October 15, 1878. no15

NOTICE.

THE Interest and Responsibility of Mr ARTHUR CHART in our Firm CEASED on the 31st December last.

J. INGLIS & Co.

Hongkong, June 13, 1878. del3

NOTICE.

MR NG MEI KUM otherwise called NG HOK MUN is admitted a Partner in our Firm from the 2nd February, 1878.

TACK MEE, HOP KEE HONG, No. 9 & 11, Bonham Strand West.

Hongkong, September 30, 1878.

NOTICE.

THE INTEREST and RESPONSIBILITY of the late Mr NG SIN FOO otherwise called NG HOK SEE in our Firm CEASED on the 2nd February, 1878.

TACK MEE, HOP KEE HONG, No. 9 & 11, Bonham Strand West.

Hongkong, September 30, 1878. del3

NOTICE.

THE Interest and Responsibility of the Undersigned in the Chinese Mail, 華字日報 (Wah Tse Yat Po), CEASED from the 1st August, 1877, but Debts prior to that Date will be received and paid by him.

CHUN AYIN.

Hongkong, April 6, 1878.

NOTICE.

IN Reference to the above, the Undersigned has LEASED the Chinese Mail from the 1st August, 1877, and has engaged the services of Mr LEONG YOOK CHUN, as Translator and General Manager of the newspaper, which under its new regime will be found to be, as hitherto, an excellent medium for advertising, especially as the Manager is able to devote his whole attention to the conduct of the Newspaper.

KONG CHIM, Lessee of the Hongkong Chinese Mail.

Hongkong, April 6, 1878.

Shipping.

Steamers.

NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

PAQUEBOT POSTE FRANCAIS.

The Company's Steamship "AMAZONE," Commandant DUBIER, will be despatched for SHANGHAI on SATURDAY, the 2nd November, at 6 a.m.

H. DE POURCY, Agent.

Hongkong, October 31, 1878.

AUSTRALASIAN STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

FOR PORT DARWIN, COOKTOWN, SYDNEY & MELBOURNE.

Taking Cargo and Passengers for all Australasian and New Zealand Ports, TASMANIA, NEW CALEDONIA & FIJI.

The Chartered Steamship "CHARLTON," Captain JOHNSON, will be despatched as above on MONDAY, the 4th November, at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to GEO. R. STEVENS & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, October 26, 1878. no4

FOR SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHEW.

The Steamship "KWANGTUNG," Capt. PUNCHARD, will be despatched for the above Ports on TUESDAY, the 5th November, at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.

Hongkong, October 31, 1878. no5

FOR SINGAPORE, BRISBANE, SYDNEY & MELBOURNE.

(Calling at the usual Coast Ports, and taking through Cargo and Passengers to New Zealand.)

The Eastern and Australian Mail Steam Co.'s Steamer "BRISBANE," Captain REDDEN, will be despatched as above on TUESDAY, the 5th November.

For Freight or Passage, apply to GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.

Hongkong, October 22, 1878. no6

FOR PORT DARWIN, SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE.

(Taking through Passengers and Cargo to New Zealand.)

The Eastern and Australian Mail Co.'s Steamer "NORMANBY," Captain ELLIS, shortly expected from Singapore, will have quick despatch as above.

For Freight or Passage, apply to GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, October 31, 1878.

FOR YOKOHAMA.

The British Steamer "FLINTSHIRE," shortly expected from Singapore, will have immediate despatch as above.

For Freight or Passage, apply to GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, October 23, 1878.

FOR LONDON VIA SUEZ CANAL.

The Steamship "GLENFALLOCH," Capt. TAYLOR, expected here on the 11th Proximo, has Room for a limited quantity of Cargo, and will have immediate despatch.

For Freight or Passage, apply to JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.

Hongkong, October 26, 1878. no2

Sailing Vessels.

FOR SAN FRANCISCO.

Entertainment.

HONGKONG TEMPERANCE HALL.

THE OPENING ENTERTAINMENT for the Winter will be given on MONDAY, 4th November, at 8.30 p.m., when "Professor" Lillo will ask the Audience to spend "AN EVENING IN FAIRYLAND." Programmes will be issued.

PRICES OF ADMISSION:
50 Cents and 25 Cents.

Hongkong, October 28, 1878.

Not Responsible for Debts.

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor Owners will be Responsible for any Debt contracted by the Officers or Crew of the following Vessels, during their stay in Hongkong Harbour:—

IMPERATRICE ELISABETTA, Austrian ship, Capt. Hreglich.—D. Musso & Co.
GLAMIS, British bark, Captain Key.—Russell & Co.

BEETHOVEN, German barque, Capt. R. Hajo.—Melchers & Co.
LORD MACAULAY, British barque, Capt. R. B. Monkman.—Wm. Pustau & Co.

FONTENAY, British ship, Capt. Geo. B. Taylor.—Arnhold, Karberg & Co.

SPINAWAY, Brit. barque, Capt. Pringle.—Slomson & Co.

COMMISSARY, British ship, Captain A. Morrison.—Meyer & Co.

PRIMO, German barque, Captain C. Christiansen.—Arnhold, Karberg & Co.

PITANILLA, British barque, Captain Wallace.—Captain.

ALEPPO, British barque, Captain Robert Falconer.—Captain.

Not Responsible for Debts of Crew:—

HERAT, British ship, Captain Chas. Robertson.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

To-day's Advertisements.

THEATRE ROYAL,

CITY HALL,

HONGKONG.

ON

SATURDAY EVENING,

November 2nd, 1878.

THE ROYAL ENGLISH OPERA

AND

OPERA BOUFFE COMPANY

Will Repeat (by General Desire)

BALFE'S GRAND SPECTACULAR OPERA

"SATANELLA,"

OR

THE POWER OF LOVE,

In Four Acts and Two Tableaux.

MISS ELOIA MAY AS SATANELLA.

CAST OF CHARACTERS:

MORTALS.

Count Rupert, Mr. H. VERNON.
Hortensius (his Tutor), Mr. H. PHILLIPS.
Karl, Mr. J. ROLLINGS.
Bracchio (Pirate Chief), Mr. PADDON.
Grand Vizier, Mr. J. ROLLINGS.
Conrad (a Pirate), Mr. ADAMS.
Boy Slave, Miss A. DRAEGER.
Dane Bertus, Miss A. DRAEGER.
Princess Stella, Miss A. DRAEGER.
Lelia, Miss CLARA STANLEY.

IMMORTALS.

Arimanes (King of the Demons), Mr. H. PHILLIPS.
SATANELLA, Miss ELOIA MAY.
Retainers, Pirates, &c.

NEW SCENERY AND EFFECTS,

by

SENHOR BAPTISTA.

SYNOPSIS OF SCENERY:

ACT I.

SCENE 1ST—GARDENS OF COUNT RUPERT.

SCENE 2ND—THE DEMON'S TOWER.

ACT II.

SCENE 1ST—HALL IN THE CASTLE.

SCENE 2ND—SEA SHORE.

SCENE 3RD—SEA COAST—LELIA'S COTTAGE.

SCENE 4TH—DARK CAVERN.

ACT III.

SCENE 1ST—BAZAAR AND SLAVE MARKET.

ACT IV.

SCENE 1ST—THE DEMON'S TOWER.

SCENE 2ND—DARK CAVERN.

SCENE 3RD—VISION SCENE.

MUSICAL DIRECTOR, Mr. F. PANIZZA.

The Operas are produced under the Sole direction of

MR. H. VERNON.

Tickets to be had and Seats secured at Messrs. Kew & Co's, where a Plan of the Theatre may be seen.

PRICES OF ADMISSION:

Dress Circle or Orchestra

Stalls, Two DOLLARS.

Box, ONE DOLLAR.

Ladies unaccompanied by Gentlemen cannot be admitted.

Hongkong, November 1, 1878.

To-day's Advertisements.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

PAQUEBOT POSTE FRANÇAIS.

HONGKONG AGENCY.

FROM This Date until further notice, Mr. L. HENNEQUIN will assume the Management of the Company's Office at this Port.

H. DE POUY, Agent.

Hongkong, November 1, 1878.

FOR MANILA.

The Steamship "ESMERALDA,"

Capt. GULLEN, shortly due, will be despatched for the above Port on MONDAY, the 4th Instant, at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to RUSSELL & Co.

Hongkong, November 1, 1878.

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

Nov. 1, Amoy, British steamer, 814, G. H. Drewe, Shanghai Oct. 29, General.

Nov. 1, Amoy, British barque, 665, Falcner, Newchwang Oct. 19, Fess.

Nov. 1, Olympia, German steamer, 783, F. Nagel, Swatow Oct. 31, General.

Nov. 1, Christian, German schooner, 250, Kessow, Newchwang Oct. 18, Beans.

Nov. 1, H.M.S. Frolic, from Macao.

DEPARTURES.

Nov. 1, W. E. Gladstone, for Quinhon.

1, Philippine, for Chetoo.

1, Beethoven, for Chetoo.

1, Tanais, for Yokohama.

1, Chinkiang, for Shanghai.

1, Oceanic, for Yokohama and San Francisco.

1, H.M.S. Swinger, for Shanghai.

1, Albat, for Hoihow.

CLEARED.

Chuang Hock Kian, for Swatow.

PASSENGERS.

ARRIVED.

Per Amoy, from Shanghai, Mrs and Miss Nelson and son, and 70 Chinese.

Per Olympia, from Swatow, 162 Chinese.

DEPARTED.

Per Oceanic, for Yokohama, Messrs T. R. Wingrove, D. R. Crawford, A. L. Lugwell, and Miss Nathan; for New York, Mr H. Meynen, and Lieut. J. M. Grimes, U.S.N.; for San Francisco, 200 Chinese.

Per Tanais, for Yokohama: from Marsailles, Mr and Mrs White, Messrs Lancier and Cheneet.

Per Chinkiang, for Shanghai, 5 Cabin.

Per Albat, for Hoihow, 2 Europeans, and 80 Chinese.

To DEPART.

Per Cheung Hock Kian, for Swatow and Amoy, 400 Chinese.

SHIPPING REPORTS.

The British steamer Amoy reports: Left Shanghai on Tuesday the 29th ult., and arrived at Hongkong on the 1st inst., first part of the passage fresh moon and fine weather, latter part moderate and fine weather.

The British barque Aleppo reports: Moderate variable winds and fine weather from North and Easterly and fair weather.

The German steamer Olympia reports: Fine weather and light moon throughout the passage. Spoke the Telling from Hongkong to Swatow, off Rocky Point.

POST OFFICE NOTIFICATIONS.

MAILS will close:—

For SAIGON.—

Per Quinta, at 5 p.m., on Monday, the 4th inst., instead of as previously notified.

For SWATOW AND AMOY.—

Per Cheung Hock Kian, at 10.30 a.m. Tomorrow, the 2nd inst., instead of as previously notified.

For PORT DARWIN, COOKTOWN, SYDNEY, AND M. LOURNE.—

Per Charlton, at 11.30 a.m., on Monday, the 4th November.

For SWATOW, AMOY, & FOCHOW.—

Per Kwangtung, at 5 p.m., on Monday, the 4th Nov.

MAILS BY THE BRITISH PACKET.—

The British Contract Packet Nizam will be despatched with Mails for the Straits Settlements, Batavia, Burmah, Ceylon, India, Aden, Egypt, Malta, Gibraltar, Europe, and countries served through London, on THURSDAY, the 7th November.

N.B.—This Packet carries no mails for the Australian Colonies, E. or S. Africa, nor for Mauritius.

The following will be the hours of closing the Mails, &c.:—

Wednesday, 6th November.—

5 p.m., Money Order Office closes.

6 p.m., Post Office closes except the Night Box, which remains open all night.

Thursday, 7th November.—

7 a.m., Post Office opens for sale of Stamps, Registry of Letters, and Posting of all correspondence.

10 a.m., Post Office closes except for Late Letters. Registry ceases.

10.15 a.m., Letters may be posted with Late Fee of 18 cents extra Postage till

11 a.m., when the Post Office Closes entirely.

11.30 a.m., Letters (but Letters only) addressed to the United Kingdom

Via Brindisi, or to Singapore, may be posted on board the Packet with Late Fee of 48 cents extra postage, till

11.50 a.m., when the Mail is finally closed.

Hongkong, Oct. 28, 1878.

POST OFFICE NOTIFICATIONS.

MAILS BY THE THAMES STRAITS PACKET.—

The Australian Contract Packet Brisbane, will be despatched from Hongkong, on TUESDAY, the 5th November, with Mails for Singapore, Somerset, Cooktown, Cleveland Bay, Bowen, Keppel Bay, Brisbane, Sydney, Tasmania, New Zealand, and Melbourne.

Correspondence cannot be Registered after 11.15 a.m.

The Mails will be closed at 11.30 a.m.

Supplementary mail on board with late fee of 18 cents till time of departure.

Correspondence for Southern and Western Australia can be sent by this route if desired, but as a general rule it is better to send it via Galle.

Hongkong, Oct. 28, 1878.

MAILS BY THE FRENCH PACKET.—

The French Contract Packet Ava will be despatched from Hongkong, on THURSDAY, the 14th November, with Mails to and through the United Kingdom and Europe, via Marsailles; to Saigon, Singapore, Batavia, Galle, Pondicherry, Madras, Calcutta, Bombay, Aden, Suez, and Alexandria.

The following will be the hours of closing the Mails, &c.:—

Wednesday, 13th November.—

5 p.m., Money Order Office closes. Post Office closes except the Night Box, which remains open all night.

Thursday, 14th November.—

7 a.m., Post Office opens for sale of Stamps, Registry of Letters, and Posting of all correspondence.

10 a.m., Registry of Letters ceases.

11 a.m., Post Office closes except for Late Letters.

11.10 a.m., Letters (but Letters only) may be posted on payment of a Late Fee of 18 cents extra postage, until

11.30 a.m., when the Post Office Closes entirely.

Hongkong, October 31, 1878.

MEMOS. FOR TO-MORROW.

Shipping.

6 a.m.—Amazon leaves for Shanghai.

Goods per Vulcan undelivered after this date subject to rent.

Tenders Close.

11 a.m.—Tenders for Repairs, &c. of the Rope Store, will be received by the Naval Storekeeper.

Amusement.

Opera Bouffe at the City Hall.

General Memoranda.

MONDAY, November 4:—

Noon.—Charlton leaves for Port Darwin, &c.

Noon.—Emeralda leaves for Manila.

8.30 p.m.—Entertainment at Temperance Hall, Stanley Street.

TUESDAY, November 5:—

Daylight.—Kwangtung leaves for Coquet Point.

Brisbane leaves for Singapore, &c.

THURSDAY, November 7:—

Noon.—English Mail leaves for Ports of Call and Europe.

Goods per Amazon undelivered after Noon, subject to rent and landing charges.

FRIDAY, November 15:—

5 p.m.—American Mail leaves for Yokohama and San Francisco.

Quotations.

Hongkong, November 1, 1878.

OPIUM.—New Patna, cash, \$582½

Old Patna, cash, 557½

New Benares, cash, 547½

Old Benares, cash, 540

New Malwa, cash, 780

Allowance Theils, 8 a 24

Old Malwa, cash, —

Allowance Theils, —

QUICKSILVER, ... 68½ a 64

Exchange.

Bank, on demand, ... 3/7½

30 days' sight, ... 3/8

6 months' sight, ... 3/9½ a 3/9

Credits, ... 3/9½

Documentary, 6 months' sight, 3/9½

Bombay, demand Rupees, 223½

Calcutta, ... 223½

Shanghai, demand, ... 72½

80 days, ... 72½

Bar Silver, 17 dwts. B., ... 109½ nom.

Sycee, ... 109

Mexicans, ... 1 1/2 c.

Gold Leaf, 999 fine, ... 27 1/2

English Sovereigns, ... 5.88

Australian Sovereigns, ... 5.88

Shares.

Hongkong Bank, 75 p. prem.

Union Ins. Society of Canton, \$1,700

China Traders' Ins. Co., \$1,560

Yangtze Ins. Assoc., Tls. 720

North China Ins. Co., \$842½

H.K. Fire Ins. Co., \$915

China Fire Ins. Co., \$230

H.K. & W. Dock Co., \$17 p. prem.

H.K. U. & M. S. Boat Co., \$12 prem.

Shanghai Steam Navigation, Tls. 17

China Coast Ste. Nav. Co., Tls. 100

Hongkong Gas Co., \$87½

Hongkong Hotel Co., \$65

China Sugar Refining Co., \$160

Chinese Imperial Loan, £103

Do, of 1877, £108

Temperatures.

(Taken at Messrs. Palmer & Co's Premises, Queen's Road.)

Hongkong, November 1, 1878.

Barometer—9 a.m. ... 30.222

Do, 1 p.m. ... 30.110

Do, 4 p.m. ... 30.100

Thermometer—9 a.m. ... 73

Do, 1 p.m. ... 73

Do, 4 p.m. ... 77

Do, (Wet bulb) 9 a.m. ... 68

Do, Do, 1 p.m. ... 68

Do, Do, 4 p.m. ... 68

Do, Maximum ... 78

Do, Minimum over night ... 70

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nesses of the neighbourhood are quite sufficient without any additional posts.

The cases at the Police Court to-day were of no public interest. A few men were charged with having short weights and measures, and they (the weights not the men) were ordered to be destroyed. One man was charged with attempting to commit suicide by drowning at the Canton wharf, and he said he was induced to do so, by having lost all his money in trade. He was remanded until the 7th instant.

The performance of *Giorgio* was repeated last night by the Royal English Opera Company. Owing, doubtless, to counter attractions elsewhere, and the fact that the opera is not one of the best placed before the public by the Company, the "house" was a very thin one. To-morrow night the Company reproduce "Satanella." This and "Maritana" are decidedly the two most popular performances with which the Company have so far favoured the public; Miss May as "Satanella" is well worth hearing a third time, and Mr Phillips should make a very good "Arimanes."

This is incomparably fine yachting weather, and we are glad to note that the opening cruise of the Yacht Club takes place to-morrow, the Club yachts having been notified to assemble at the Naval Coalwheds, Kowloon, at 10 o'clock. The *Naiad*, *Naomi*, *Ariel*, *Dido*, and *Lotterier*, have been duly entered for the season, and good sport is looked for. Last year *Naomi* was the only boat that spread bran new canvas, but nearly all the others are being now busily attended to in Dolan's studio for new suits, so that "the wings of the wind" will be "spick and span" for the first match, to come off shortly. Improvements have been made, more or less, upon all the boats, and the interest is therefore fully alive as to what results may be produced upon each by the changes. We wish the Club may have a successful season, and that good sailing may not be baulked by "light winds and calm."

The training season commenced at the Race-course this morning, when some fifteen gentlemen gathered around the coffee at the Stand, about the usual hour. It was a lovely, fresh morning, but of course the training must of necessity commence after the ponies arrive. One "moke" was procured for the occasion, and rode round with a native, as an intimation that the object of the season just opened was a pure love of the turf; but the coffee was the principal attraction on this the opening day. We believe that the Course has been improved, and everything is being got into proper order for the sporting season. Many old sports were missing this morning, some having fallen "old bones," and others being away from the Colony: a few of the latter, however, were present in spirit (by telegram), thus evincing the keen interest they felt in things turf. Some of the roads, by the way, down towards the Race-course require repairs very badly.

A CORRESPONDENT writes from Canton, in reply to our enquiries respecting the rebel hosts, who are about to annihilate that city:—"I have inquired for numerous native passengers fresh from Canton, including one petty official, and have found that all absolutely ignorant of such startling rumours."

"The best accounts seem to be that Li has marched into Annam with a force of about 8000 men, followed by a large rabble of destitute people, his object being to depose the King of Annam, whom he declares to be a usurper of his (Li's) rightful inheritance, and to provide for his numerous followers."

"Meanwhile the Imperial Authorities are taking every precaution to prevent Li's move from creating disturbances on the frontier. As for the rebels threatening Canton, they would as soon think of threatening Hongkong. Even in the old times, when the whole country between Canton and Hongkong was in their hands, they never ventured seriously to attack the capital; and now, with Chinese and foreign gunboats running up and down every day, such a venture would be even more hopeless. One well-planted shell would scatter the rebel host to the winds."

Another correspondent writes:—"Your article in yesterday's paper is very much to the point. Li Yang-tai is probably a thorn in the old Viceroy's pillow at present, but he is, as far as I know, still on the Annam frontier, and causes no apprehensions at Canton."

The performance at the Lusitano Theatre last night was an exceedingly good one. The actors evinced great spirit and vivacity throughout the performance, and judging from the plaudits of the spectators, all were alike satisfied with their evening's amusement. The Club and the Theatre were

very tastefully illuminated on the outside with coloured oil lamps and gas, and over the Club entrance was an illuminated painting on glass of H. M. Louis I., with the letters "V. D. L. I." done in oil lamps. There were a large number of ladies present and our Portuguese friends were, as they always are on such occasions, most attentive in their hospitality to members of other nationalities. The audience is said to have been one of the largest which has yet honoured the Lusitano Club. Before the beginning of the first piece, the Choral Amateurs sang with much credit to themselves, the Portuguese Anthem, followed immediately by three cheers for the King, proposed by the worthy Honorary Consul Romano. The first piece presented was "The Hermit of Cabana," an original drama in 3 acts by Mr Francisco Soares Franco, Junior, - *The Hermit of Cabana* (Mr Luiz L. Barreto) secured the best share of applause by his acting and clear audible voice, which however was a little too powerful for the character (an old man of 70). Mr P. M. Alves made a very pretty *Azenda* and was hailed with repeated bursts of well-merited applause. *The Viscount of S. Thiago* found a good exponent in the person of Mr F. J. Pereira, but he was a little too staid; we are not disposed to find fault with him on this score however as the part was on the whole well sustained. *Pedro Pass* (Mr J. A. Barreto) shewed to advantage when he expressed his indignation at his daughter's misconduct. The part of Ernesto, Auzenda's lover, also deserves a meed of praise, but he had very little to do.

The second piece "Mariquinha, or the Inn-keeper," a laughable farce after the style of Offenbach's *Oporetta* "La Rose de Saint Fleur," but with very little music, created much merriment. Mr P. M. Alves looking quite bewitching as Mariquinha. The Band of the 74th Highlanders discoursed some excellent music during the intervals, and at the close of the entertainment played the Portuguese National Anthem, at the conclusion of which the audience gave three hearty cheers. The Portuguese Amateurs, and the Portuguese community generally, are to be congratulated on the success of the entertainment, and Portugal may be proud of the loyalty they have displayed in thus celebrating the birthday of their Sovereign.

SUPREME COURT.

IN SUMMARY JURISDICTION.

(Before His Honor James Russell, Esq., Acting Puisne Judge.)

Nov. 1, 1878.

Ip Chang Ti v. Tang Hung, \$500.—This was a claim to recover damages for the loss of a cargo-boat, which it was alleged was lost owing to a breach of contract on the part of the defendant.

Mr Holmes appeared for the plaintiff, and Mr Denny for the defendant.

Mr Holmes said that the plaintiff was the owner of a cargo-boat (No. 8), and on the 8th October last, it was a very rough day, and the defendant, who is owner of a steam-launch called the *Wing Ching*, entered into a contract to tow the plaintiff's boat to Tung Lung Chow (East Point), and he received the money (\$5) at the time the contract was made. The launch towed the boat for some distance, from off the P. & O. Wharf to near the French Mail buoys, and he then let the rope go. The defendant called out let go, but plaintiff did not, and the defendant then said "If you will not let go I shall cast you off," and he did so, leaving the boat at the mercy of the waves. The boat drifted down on top of a buoy and a hole was knocked into her, but the crew were saved. The contract was entered into at 8 o'clock in the morning, and the boat was let go about 11 o'clock.

Mr Holmes submitted that the boat was lost through the wilful act of the defendant or his agent, the master of the launch.

Mr Denny said it was entered into with the master.

Mr Denny submitted that there was no contract whatever. The fact was, he said, that the launch was towing about nine Portuguese boats, and the plaintiff, whose boat was off the P. & O. Wharf, wanted the launch to tow him. The master of the launch refused, when one of the men belonging to the cargo-boat jumped overboard, and swam to the launch with a rope and made it fast to the launch. The defendant then allowed him to make fast. When they got about half-way across the Harbour the rope, which belonged to the plaintiff, broke.

Mr Denny submitted that there was no contract to tow, and if His Lordship should think there was an implied contract, he should set up a defense that stress of weather prevented its fulfillment.

Evidence was called on both sides, and the case was then adjourned until Monday.

CORRESPONDENCE.

A. B. C.'S STATEMENTS CONTINUED.

TRANSLATED.

To the Editor of the "CHINA MAIL."

Hongkong, Nov. 1, 1878.

SIR,—People volunteering or in other words, pressing their rubbishy verbiage on the public in the shape of letters addressed to the public papers, ought at least to "know something of the matter about which they write"; they "ought at least to make some inquiries about matters upon which they write"; but your correspondent A. B. C., while thus laying down the law as to what others ought or ought not to do, evidently does not consider himself bound by any such troublesome "oughts to do." Although he has not arrived farther than the A. B. C. in the alphabet of Businesslike Accuracy (not to say candour), he has evidently got to

the "omega" of impudent dogmatic assertion on subjects which he evidently knows very little about; for as to his assertion that the contents of a certain memorial have been published in all the local Chinese papers, I give it a flat, positive contradiction; nothing of the kind has appeared in either one of the local Chinese papers, as the writer, with the assistance of a Chinese scholar, has carefully scanned every paper published in the Colony for ten days anterior to the date mentioned, and states positively that it does not appear in either of them. As to the rebellion I am unfortunately unable to speak positively, as having been somewhat indisposed of late, all my information has been derived from the public papers; but there are rumours going about amongst the West Coast traders, of a serious rising on the borders of Kwang-ai; that much I have ascertained to-day, and (as to the memorial in question, and the agitation against the foreign community) the power of proving certain most disgraceful facts in the hands of a gentleman of this Colony; and it may perhaps interest your correspondent "A. B. C." to know that at the right time and place these facts will be, or perhaps have been, properly represented to the powers that be.

Yours &c.,

X. Y. Z.

China.

SHANGHAI.

(News.)

The steamers *Glenfinlas* and *Glenartney* are both expected to arrive shortly from Japan. The latter, we understand, is under the command of Captain Auld, late of the *Glenearn*, Captain Gulland, who so successfully ran her in the tea races, remaining in England to take the command of the new steamer *Glenos*.

(Covier.)

The long-talked-of Loan has at last been settled between the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank and Taotai Hoo. The rate of interest is 9½ per cent. per annum.

SHANGHAI REGATTA.

SECOND DAY.

Saturday, 26th October, 1878.

MERCHANT VESSELS GIG'S RACE.—1st prize, £20; 2nd, £10.

"CANON HARRISON" . . . Green . . . 1
"REYNOLDS" . . . Blue and White . . . 2
"THUNDERBOLT" . . . Red . . . 3
"BLACK ADLER" . . . White . . . 4
"HILTON CASTLE" . . . Blue . . . 5

The five boats got away to a very good start, the *Canon Harrison* leading, followed by the *Thermopylae* and *Nourmahal*. The coxswain of the leading boat, having been over the course the day before, knew exactly where the "grass" in the creek lay, and steered his boat over what in an hour afterwards was a mud flat. The *Thermopylae*, ignorant of the fact, steered close along, but got aground, and for some time was actually pulling through the mud. By the time she had fairly got afloat again, the *Canon Harrison* had got so far ahead that pursuit was hopeless, and the *Nourmahal* had also passed. A fine race for second place ensued, however, between her and the *Thermopylae*, ending in favour of the former by a bare half-length.

BANKERS' CUP.—Presented by the Bankers of Shanghai. Senior Sculls. Distance, 1½ miles. Entrance Fee, \$5.

1st Heat.

D. Glass . . . 11st. 7½s. Dr. Andrew's Cross . . . 1
O. M. Wyatt . . . 11st. 12½s. Blue and White Hoops . . . 2

2nd Heat.

H. Mander . . . 11st. 11½s. Dr. Blue and Light Blue . . . 1
J. Andrew . . . 11st. 11½s. Red and White . . . 2

These races, which attracted much interest, and led to a great deal of betting as to both boats, were started within a few minutes of each other, in order to save time. In the first heat Wyatt went away with a slight lead, but Glass, pulling a rapid stroke, soon drew alongside him, and went about half-length ahead. Wyatt, shortly afterwards, unluckily got into Glass's water, and in a few seconds the boats became so close that a foul was seen to be inevitable. This in a few strokes more took place, and Glass claimed it. It was so palpable that dispute was impossible, but at the suggestion of the Umpire the race was pulled through. Wyatt pulled a lucky stern-chase, losing only by about a length, in spite of his mishap. Time, including stoppage, 10.32.

The heat between Schultz and Andrew was won by the former anyhow; the time given being 10.34, but the winner pulled in at a pleasure stroke.

The results far of the final heat is given above.

THE CHARGE CUP.—Presented by the Tea Inspectors of Shanghai. Challenge 8-Oared Race in Shanghai 8's. Veterans (10 years and over in China) v. Griffins (8 years and under in China) being *board* *de* *griffins* at date of entry. Entrance Fee, \$40 per boat. Distance, 1 mile.

1.—GRIFINS 8.—Green. 2.—VETERANS 8.—Grey.
Row—C. R. Sellers . . . 11st. 11½s. Dr. P. K. Dumas . . . 11st. 11½s.
"W. Buchanan . . . 10st. 10½s. "H. L. Kieck . . . 11st. 11½s.
"G. W. Noel . . . 10st. 10½s. "O. Schunheuer . . . 11st. 11½s.
"W. White . . . 10st. 10½s. "C. W. White . . . 11st. 11½s.
"W. L. Williamson . . . 10st. 10½s. "E. J. Mackenzie . . . 11st. 11½s.
"M. Fox . . . 10st. 10½s. "E. J. Mackenzie . . . 11st. 11½s.
"C. J. Dumas . . . 10st. 10½s. "E. J. Mackenzie . . . 11st. 11½s.
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"C. J. Dumas . . . 10st. 10½s. "E. J. Mackenzie . . . 11st. 11½s.

At the start betting was somewhat in favour of the veterans, and the good opinion was enhanced by their winning the toes and taking inside place. The start was pretty even, the juveniles, however, not getting way on their boat in the first few strokes, fell behind; but they soon picked up, and, putting on a slashing but very smooth stroke, went ahead, and were never again approached, winning a good race by about three lengths. Time, 6.14.

CLUB FOURS.—Brokers' Cup. Presented by the Brokers of the Settlement. Entrance Fee, \$10 per boat. 1 mile.

1.—"Eclair" . . . 11st. 11½s. Dr. Red and White.
Row—R. P. Hunter . . . 11st. 11½s. Dr. Red and White.
"M. Fox . . . 10st. 10½s. "J. W. L. Williamson . . . 11st. 11½s.
"C. J. Dumas . . . 10st. 10½s. "E. J. Mackenzie . . . 11st. 11½s.
"W. L. Williamson . . . 10st. 10½s. "E. J. Mackenzie . . . 11st. 11½s.
"C. J. Dumas . . . 10st. 10½s. "E. J. Mackenzie . . . 11st. 11½s.

This was without doubt the prettiest race of the Regatta—the four boats getting off well together and the coxswains steering so evenly that from the first it was felt there was no fear of a foul. The race, in fact, was so good for some distance that a description is impossible, and when Hall's crew drew gradually in front, followed soon

afterwards by Wintle's for second place, it was seen that the remaining two stood little if any chance. The winners passed the Mound in 5.27½; the second boat in 5.41½; Clark's crew finished third, slightly in advance of Dowdall's.

The final boat of the Senior Sculls for the Bankers' Cup will, as before stated, be rowed this afternoon, and also the "Daikoo" Fours v. The World, the All Comers' Race, &c., commencing at 4.30.

OUTSIDE OPINIONS OF MR POPE HENNESSY.

(Japan Mail.)

The audacious burglary in Hongkong of which we gave the particulars in our last issue has induced the address to our contemporary, the *Hongkong Daily Press*, of a number of letters, evidently from all classes of the community, strongly reprobating Mr Hennessy's recent policy, which has reversed the wholehearted strict control, instituted by his predecessors Sir K. Macdonnell and Sir A. Kennedy, over the criminal population of Hongkong and the adjacent mainland. Their wise severity had such a deterrent effect that the jail on Stonecutters' Island had been altogether depopulated and was standing empty, and the prison in Victoria itself had so few inhabitants that every prisoner might have had two or three cells to himself. Mr Hennessy came 'with a bad character from his last place,' a bigoted ultramontane and a humanitarian doctrine, incapable of assimilating the experience of other men, if he had been willing to hear their advice; and in a few short months everything is changed in Hongkong. The criminal population, well informed of the new Governor's sympathy with them, rapidly flocked back to the Colony and recommenced the career in which his predecessors' wholesome severity had checked them. The result has been a series of burglaries, highway robberies and murders, culminating in this daring raid of a whole crew of pirates into the heart of the town. No wonder that the colonists rise in their wrath and danger to denounce him, that Vigilance Committees are spoken of, indignation meetings held, and that in the newspapers of the Colony appear a crop of letters, part of which have been quoted in our daily papers here. There is too much truth in the writers' attacks upon Mr Hennessy's humanitarian folly, and as fortunately for the China trade between thirty and forty Members of Parliament are interested in it—as was shown when, by their intervention, Sir Rutherford Alcock's Convention of 1869 was prevented from being ratified—so, similar pressure brought to bear on the Foreign Office now, would no doubt procure Mr Hennessy's recall from a post which his peculiar notions totally unfit him to fill. We have had, not long ago, occasion to commend him for his judicious afforestation of the island, and we required proof of the folly of his policy before we could join our contemporaries in Hongkong in what appeared to be an attack upon a new man before he had received a fair trial; but the proof of his errors has come now with a vengeance, and unless he devotes his attention to growing the timber of which the gallows is made, and encourages to the necessary extent the growth of hemp, he will certainly not do for Hongkong.

It is but bare justice to Mr Hennessy, however, to say that great blame is also due to the Superintendent of Police and his Officers and men. The force is undisciplined it is true, and for this, Captain Deane may not be responsible, but all the accounts we have had of the affair appear to show the gang of robbers held possession of the house, street and neighbouring lanes, for nearly an hour, that they lauded unobserved, that they put out the gas without being checked, and that the police were far too late in coming on the scene of the robbery. Mr Hennessy sent for a Report on the state of the Police force next morning, and ordered an increase of it—and though this is very laudable, still to such credit as is due that precaution, he is entitled.

[* This is an error. Mr Hennessy sent for the Report on the state of the Police Force two or three weeks before the daring attack in Wing Lok Street. Some of the other statements are also a little wide of accuracy.—Ed. C. M.]

(Tokio Times.)

The Japan Mail feels called upon to join in the hue and cry raised by Hongkong newspapers against Governor Hennessy, and does so with an indecency of invective characteristic of its present editorial management. Nothing that we have seen in the attacks of writers on the spot equals the *Mail's* outrageous assertion that "the criminal population, well informed of the new governor's sympathy with them, flocked back to the colony and recommenced the career in which his predecessors' wholesome severity had checked them." And the purveyors of Billingsgate would have to be ransomed to find a parallel to the vulgarity with which the *Mail's* tirade closes—"Unless he (the Governor) devotes his attention to growing the timber of which the gallows is made, and encourages to the necessary extent the growth of hemp, he will certainly not do for Hongkong." This is the style of *Reynolds's Miscellany*, and strikes the eye strangely in a paper which pretends to be respectable and to sit in judgment upon the actions of an experienced and upright public official, distinguished alike for the justice, breadth and tolerance of his views, and for the vigor and purity of his administration in other parts of the world. Fortunately Mr Hennessy's courage is not inferior to his capacity; and there is little fear that he will be diverted from the course he has honorably marked out for himself by the hostility of champions of inhumanity or advocates of opium smuggling. The sounding brass is made a matter of note, being about him as little as the tiny tinkling cymbal which keeps time to it in Yokohama.

(N. C. D. News.)

It is seldom that the opportunity is twice presented to the same individual of setting at variance two races whom it was his paramount interest as well as duty to keep together, and probably unexampled that the position of the individual should in both cases be that of Chief Magistrate in a British Colony. The opportunity has, however, been presented to Mr Pope Hennessy in his appointment to the Governorship of Hongkong, and his success is well exhibited in the report of the public meeting held at Hongkong on the 7th instant, when, for the first time in the history of

the Colony, the Chinese and English residents were found arrayed on opposite sides and the beginning of a "Brass Band" of Chinese discontents was inaugurated under the presidency of Mr Ng Choy, a native gentleman whose English education and legal training might have been supposed to fit him for better things. Still if a Governor wishes disaffection to show itself, and actually holds out an expression of discontent as a recommendation to preferment, it is probable that even the most orderly of communities may become the theatre of civil strife. It matters little that those whom Mr Hennessy originally took under his protection were the criminal classes, and that almost the first rebuff to his policy was administered by the respectable portion of the Chinese community. Mr Hennessy is not the man to be startled by a phenomenon not deterred from his purpose of discovering amidst the outward calm of public content some real contrast of races. Other Governors in Hongkong have had their difficulties with one or other section of the community, but none have hitherto sought to create a separation of interests between the English and Chinese residents. Mr Hennessy has the honour of being the first to introduce the very suspicion of a divergence of interest, and he has carried it to the length of not only creating a faction, but of providing it with a leader. It seems impossible to doubt that the action of Mr Ng Choy in crowding the City Hall with a mob of low Chinese to prevent a meeting of residents held on the requisition of the Sheriff, was, if not instigated by, tacitly approved of by the Governor. Mr Hennessy has before this had experience of similar devices in his native land, and could therefore have scarcely been ignorant of the tactics being pursued. He knew moreover that the expression of the opinions of the speakers at the meeting would reflect unpleasantly on himself, and these considerations doubtless so prevailed that he took no measures to prevent the occurrence of the day. The legality of the meeting was vouched for by his having been called by the Sheriff, and Mr Hennessy having so far acceded to the wishes of the respectable inhabitants to ventilate their grievances, should have afforded them that protection to which they were entitled. It may seem in the eyes of some people at a distance an evidence of actually existing discontent that Mr Ng Choy should have been able to pack a meeting so effectually, and that his band should so implicitly have followed his commands. A little consideration of the position of Hongkong with regard to the mainland of China will, however, readily afford an explanation. The population of Kwantung is well known as the most turbulent in China, and one wherein the dangerous classes have always exhibited a boldness and organisation unknown elsewhere in the Empire. The repression of piracy and the checks placed on the opium emigration have deprived the class of many of its accustomed methods of gaining a livelihood, and the severity with which its members are treated when captured by the Chinese authorities has naturally induced them to establish their headquarters in Hongkong, where unless overt crime is proved against them, they are permitted to reside unquestioned. So long as the punishments in the island were in some degree in proportion to the amount of criminality, a check was placed on the occurrence of open crime. If the punishments on the mainland were more severe than on the island, the risk of detection was much less, and crime in Hongkong accordingly diminished. When, however, the punishment of crimes in the Colony was made a matter of sentiment, a direct invitation was held out to the desperadoes of the mainland to practise their art in the island. Such is the class whom Mr Ng Choy has undertaken to lead, and such the class of men whom Mr Hennessy, with mistaken philanthropy has taken under his protectingegis. The situation of the Colony at any moment may become a serious one, for these classes, who have been plundering up to the present in a comparative small though markedly audacious manner, may at any time invite their comrades from the mainland to help them in making a demonstration. The real Chinese residents in the Colony have as yet found no cause of complaint with their position; but with discontent is made a matter of note, even the well-behaved may be led into evening acquiescence with a movement which, as individuals, they would unhesitatingly condemn.

work of preparing a large map of Japan, to be published in Germany. Prof. Knipping has been for several years engaged in surveying, under Government auspices. Nor must I omit the name of Mr Ernest Satow, the accomplished Secretary in the Japanese Legation to the British Legation, who has travelled much in the out-of-the-way places of Japan, and written thereon. In Yezo, American explorers, geologists, and travelers, under government auspices, have greatly added to our knowledge of this little known territory.

In the work of national education, elementary and special, first-class private schools maintain a healthy rivalry with those established by Government. Some of the rather numerous "Schools of Foreign Language" have recently, from motives of economy, been abolished, but the work of vernacular education goes grandly on, and over 1,900,000 children attend the public day-schools all over the country, which are taught after the general method of American schools, with modern equipments. Special schools, rather colleges, under the Departments of War, Navy, Public Works, Justice, and Bureau of Agriculture and Colonization, largely attended, thoroughly equip young men for their special professions.

In spite of the recent drain on the resources of her treasury, in putting down the Satsuma rebellion, Japan is carrying forward many costly public works. There are now two railways in operation—one from Yokohama to Tokio, the other from Hiogo to Kioto. Telegraph lines connect Hakodate, with Nagasaki, the Dan and Ketschaka of Japan. The mineral resources are being developed, not as they ought to be, but on a larger scale, and with better methods than before; while it may truly be said that never before was more attention paid to the soil and husbandry of the country. The coasts are now lighted by 34 light-houses, 8 light-ships, 10 buoys, and 5 beacons (Off. Report, 1877). Japanese steamers ply between the seaports of Japan and to China, Corea, the Kiu Kiu Islands, and even make an occasional trip to England. The most remarkable evidence of real progress, and a good index of the literary, moral and commercial character of the people, is furnished by the Postmaster-General's Report for 1877:

Letters, ordinary (mailed) . . . 22,063,430
" registered . . . 606,364
Postal Cards . . . 6,764,272
Newspapers . . . 7,872,536
Books, patterns, &c. . . 322,642
Free communications . . . 856,687
Letters despatched to foreign countries . . . 140,631

The following paragraph will show the estate and growing power of the press in Japan:

The number of domestic newspapers transmitted in the mails during 1877 (7,372,550) is an increase of 2,333,141, being 46 per cent. over the number transmitted in 1875, and 100.4 per cent. over the number mailed in 1875.

There are now 3,744 post-offices, 151 receiving agencies, 916 stamp agencies, and 865 street letter-boxes in use and operation. Japan became a member of the General Postal Union, and her stamps are now recognized as valid payment of postage to other countries of the Union. Postal agents and regular mails to Fusan, Corea, and in seven ports of China, facilitate the intercourse between residents or natives of these three countries. The system of postal money orders and postal savings banks has been also in successful operation for several years. Mr Samuel Bryan, an American citizen, formerly of the Post Office in Washington, is the efficient foreign superintendent of the Japanese Postal Bureau, under the auspices of which are also a Mercantile Marine Training School, and a Marine Board for the examination and issue of certificates to masters, mates and engineers, both native and foreign.

To summarize: Japan, though no longer astonishing the world by brilliant surprises, still pursues the path of progress and development, both at home and abroad. As she was one of the first to be at Philadelphia, so she is one of the first at Paris, at the Congress of Nations.

At an art exhibition in a city gallery, not long since, a critic stopped up close to the work of a particularly sensitive artist that the latter was led to exclaim, with considerable petulance: "Oh, stick your nose right out and smell it?" The critic, not at all non-plussed, did as requested, and turning to the spectators with a nod of his head, coolly remarked: "Yes, it smells like a painting!"

JAPAN: GEOGRAPHICAL AND SOCIAL.

By REV. W. E. GRIFFIS,

Late of the Imperial University of Tokio, and author of "The Mikado's Empire."

(Japan Gazette.)

The population of Japan, by official census of 1872, is somewhat over thirty-three millions, and the area of the empire is variously estimated from 150,000 to 200,000 square miles. The surface of the country is almost wholly made up of mountains and valleys. Over 3,400 islands are enumerated as constituting the archipelago. The Riu Kiu (Loo Choo) islands on the south, and the Kuriles on the north (ceded by Russia in exchange for the southern half of Saghalien), belong also to Japan. For purposes of administration, the country is divided into thirty-four "keens," or prefects. The Imperial Government consists of His Majesty the Mikado, the Dai Jo Kikan, or Supreme Council of the Government, and the subordinate ministers of Foreign Affairs, Imperial Household, Home, Treasury, Army, Navy, Education, Public Works, Justice, and the sub-department of Colonization (of Yezo and the Kuriles).

After seven weeks spent in Tokio, I took the steamers of the Pacific Mail Steamship Company to Kobe, though at present (1878) the natives have the steam coasting and North China trade in their own hands. I spent three days in Osaka, and inspected the old castle of Taiko, and the Mint, at which over \$70,000,000 worth of milled and stamped (but unperfected) pieces, ranging in value from miles (rin) to double eagles (twenty yen), have been coined since 1817.

Here let me call attention to the fact that the most correct map of Japan ever made by a foreigner is that of Mr Henry Brunby, an English engineer who was for several years employed in the service of the Japanese Government, and who was a diligent traveler in the empire. It is a fine, large wall map, full of detailed information. Prof. Ernest Knipping, a German gentleman, and one of my colleagues in the Imperial University, is also engaged in the

Shipping Intelligence.

The following corrected from the latest London and Colonial Papers, &c.—

VESSELS TO ARRIVE.

AT HONGKONG.

When left.	Name.	From.
Mar.	20, Oracio.	Liverpool
23, Bristolian (s).		Antwerp
Apr.	16, Invincible.	Penarth
May	9, Napier.	Cardiff
June	14, Emily Chaplin.	Cardiff
25, Underwriter.		Portsmouth
28, Melrose.		London
July.	16, Annie Bow.	Newcastle (N.S.W.)
18, Lyndhurst.		Newcastle (N.S.W.)
19, Sydneyham.		London
21, Saint.		Cardiff
27, Pilgrim.		Cardiff
28, Abbey Cooper.		Antwerp
30, Sumatide.		Hamburg
31, Charnier.		Cardiff

Aug.

1, Bury St. Edmunds.	Penarth
7, Alfrede.	Cardiff
8, Urania.	Penarth
10, Lorea.	London
11, Lorea.	Cardiff
16, Friedrich.	Cardiff
Sept.	
6, Flintshire (s).	London
13, Excalibur.	Hamburg
14, Diamante (s).	London
17, James Shepherd.	Liverpool
17, Clunium.	Cardiff

LOADING FOR CHINA AND JAPAN ROUTE.

At London.—Steamers via Suez Canal.

Glen

To Let.

TO LET.
THREE OFFICES, in Club Chambers,
The DWELLING HOUSE, No. 2,
Alexandra Terrace.
Apply to
DOUGLAS LAPRAK & Co.
Hongkong, October 31, 1878.

TO LET.
HOUSE No. 4, SEYMOUR TERRACE.
DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co.
Hongkong, October 26, 1878.

TO LET.
IN the Houses on MARINE LOT 65,
formerly known as the Blue Houses,
situate on Praya East—
FIRST FLOOR and BASEMENT of
No. 2, Praya East, either separately, or
together, as required, with immediate possession.
HOUSE No. 3, Praya East. The whole
House or in Flats, with
immediate possession.

TO LET.
SIX SPACIOUS ROOMS, with Cor-
ridors and Out-houses in the DWELLING
HOUSE, to the Eastward of the Pier at
Wanchai. These may be had in Apart-
ments of Two or Three Rooms to suit con-
venience. Fine spacious Verandah looking
on the Harbour. Immediate Possession.

TO LET.
FIRST CLASS GRANITE GODOWNS,
attached to Blue Houses at Wanchai,
MARINE LOT 65.
For further particulars, apply to
MEYER & Co.
Hongkong, August 15, 1878.

TO BE LET.
TWO—Excellent STONE-FLOORED
GODOWNS, on Marine Lot No. 10,
Praya Central.
Apply to
TURNER & Co.
Hongkong, August 1, 1878.

To Let.

STEAM FOR
SINGAPORE, PENANG, POINT DE
GALLE, ADEN, SUERZ, MALTA,
BRINDISI, ANCONA, VENICE, MEDI-
TERRANEAN PORTS, SOUTH-
AMPTON, AND LONDON, VIA
BOMBAY.
ALSO
BOMBAY, MADRAS, AND CALCUTTA.

THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM
NAVIGATION COMPANY'S Steamship
"NIZAM," Captain A. E. BARLOW,
will leave this on THURSDAY, the 7th
November, at Noon.
For further Particulars, apply to
A. LIND, Superintendant.
Hongkong, October 28, 1878.

U.S. MAIL LINE.

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP
COMPANY.
THROUGH TO NEW YORK, VIA
OVERLAND RAILWAYS, AND TOUCHING
AT YOKOHAMA, AND SAN FRANCISCO.

THE U.S. Mail Steamer CITY OF
PEKING will be despatched for San
Francisco, via Yokohama, on FRIDAY,
the 15th November, at 3 o'clock p.m., taking
Passengers, and Freight, for Japan, the
United States, and Europe.

Through Bills of Lading issued for trans-
portation to Yokohama and other Japan
Ports, to San Francisco, to Atlantic and
Inland Cities of the United States via Over-
land Railways, to Havana, Trinidad, and
Demerara, and to ports in Mexico, Central
and South America by the Company's and
connecting Steamers.
Through Passage Tickets granted to
England, France, and Germany by all
trans-Atlantic lines of Steamers.
On Through PASSAGES TO EUROPE,
A REDUCTION OF TWENTY PER
CENT from Regular Rates is granted to
OFFICERS of the ARMY and NAVY,
and MEMBERS of the CIVIL and
CONSULAR SERVICES in COMMISS-
ION.
Freight will be received on board until
6 p.m., of 14th November. Parcel Packages
will be received at the office until 6 p.m.
same day; all Parcel Packages should be
marked to address in full; values of same
is required.
Consular Invoices to accompany Overland
Cargo should be sent to the Company's
Offices in Sealed Envelopes, addressed to the
Collector of Customs at San Francisco.
For further information as to Passage
and Freight, apply to the Agency of the
Company, No. 6, Praya Central.
RUSSELL & Co., Agents.
Hongkong, October 28, 1878.

HONG LISTS.

Circular, large sheet.
THE AMENDED HONG LIST
in English and Chinese, con-
taining the Names of all the most
important Companies, Institutions
and Mercantile Houses in the
Colony.
Price, 25 cents each; or \$2.50
per dozen.
At the "China Mail" Office.

Intimations.

F. HUTCHINGS
begs to announce to the Community
of Hongkong that he will be able to supply
BEEF, MUTTON, &c.,
from 1st October, and trusts that they may
grant him their support.
SHOP—WELLINGTON STREET, opposite
the Cathedral.
Hongkong, September 20, 1878.

NOTICE.

THE BARON DO CERCAI reiterates
that he will not hold himself Res-
ponsible for Debts Contracted by the
BARONESS DO CERCAI.
Macao, October 20, 1878.

NOTICE.

OFFICE OF THE SHANGHAI STEAM
NAVIGATION COMPANY,
IN LIQUIDATION.

A SIXTH RETURN of CAPITAL at
the Rate of TWO TAELS per
SHARE will be made to Shareholders of
Record on the 11th October, Payable at
the Office of the Liquidators, on MON-
DAY, the 21st October.

Warrants will then be delivered by the
Undersigned to Shareholders, or their
lawful representatives, on presentation of
Share Certificates for Endorsement.
The Transfer BOOKS of the Company
will be CLOSED from the 11th to the 21st
October, inclusive.

By Order,

RUSSELL & Co.,
Liquidators.
Shanghai, October 9, 1878.

Volume Seventh of the
"CHINA REVIEW."

Now Ready.

No. 1.—Vol. VII.

OF THE

"CHINA REVIEW"

CONTAINS—

The Chinese in Borneo.

Jottings from the Book of Rites.

The Character 和 or 華.

On the Use of the Character Fan.

Brief Sketches from the Life of K'ung-
ming.

The Critical Disquisitions of Wang Ch'ung.

Geographical Notes on the Province of
Kiangsi.

The Ballads of the Shi-king.

Translations of Chinese School-books.

Perkin Warbeck in China.

Short Notices of New Books and Literary
Intelligence.Notes and Queries—
Dutch Doctors in Borneo.

The Graffiti and the Ki-lin.

On the Syllabic Spelling.

Leons Operandi in Flogging.

Early Frost in Canton, in 1877-8.

A Chinese Coin.

Annuaire Sovereigns.

Chinese Bank-notes.

Books Wanted, Exchanges, &c.

China Mail Office,
Hongkong, Sept. 10, 1878.

SAILOR'S HOME.

ANY Cast-off CLOTHING, Books, or
PAPERS will be thankfully received
at the Sailor's Home, West Point.
Hongkong, July 25, 1878.

For Sale.

WASHING BOOKS.
(In English and Chinese.)
WASHERMAN'S BOOKS, for the use
of Ladies and Gentlemen, are now
ready at this Office.—Price, \$1 each.
CHINA MAIL Office.

NOW READY.

CHENG-SHUI; or, THE RUDIMENTS OF
NATURAL SCIENCE IN CHINA. By Dr.
E. J. EYRE. One Volume. 8vo. Price,
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BUDDHISM, ITS HISTORY, THEORY AND
POPULAR RELIGION, in three Lectures,
By Dr. E. J. EYRE. Second Edition. One
Volume. 8vo. Price, \$1.50.

Orders will be received by Messrs Lane,
Crawford & Co.,
Hongkong, July 31, 1878.

Insurances.

ROYAL INSURANCE COMPANY.
THE Undersigned, Agents for the above
Company, are prepared to grant In-
surances at current rates.

MELCHERS & Co.,
Agents, Royal Insurance Company,
Hongkong, October 27, 1878.

QUEEN FIRE INSURANCE
COMPANY.
THE Undersigned are prepared to grant
Policies against Fire to the extent of
\$45,000 on Buildings, or on Goods stored
therein, at current local rates, subject to a
Discount of 20% on the Premium.

NORTON & Co.,
Agents,
Hongkong, January 1, 1878.

Insurances.

NORTH BRITISH & MERCANTILE
INSURANCE COMPANY.

Incorporated by Royal Charter and
Special Acts of Parliament.

ESTABLISHED 1809.

CAPITAL £2,000,000.

THE Undersigned, AGENTS at Hongkong
for the above Company, are prepared to
grant Policies against FIRE to the
extent of £10,000 on any Building, or
on Merchandise in the same, at the
usual Rates, subject to a discount of 20
per cent.

GILMAN & Co.,
Agents,
Hongkong, July 6, 1878.

LANCASHIRE INSURANCE
COMPANY.
(FIRE AND LIFE.)

CAPITAL—TWO MILLIONS STERLING.

THE Undersigned are prepared to grant
Policies against the Risk of FIRE on
Buildings or on Goods stored therein, or
on Goods on board Vessels and on Hulls of
Vessels in Harbour, at the usual Terms
and Conditions.

Proposals for Life Assurances will be re-
ceived, and transmitted to the Directors
for their decision.

If required, protection will be granted on
first class Lives up to £1000 on a Single
Life.

For Rates of Premiums, forms of pro-
posals or any other information, apply to
ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co.,
Agents, Hongkong & Canton.

Hongkong, January 4, 1867.

THE EQUITABLE LIFE ASSURANCE
SOCIETY OF THE
UNITED STATES.

THE Undersigned are prepared to accept
RISKS at GREATLY REDUCED
RATES, and upon Terms very favourable
to the Assured.

OLYPHANT & Co.,
Agents,
Hongkong, October 17, 1878.

CHINESE INSURANCE COMPANY,
(LIMITED.)

NOTICE.

POLICIES granted at current rates on
Marine Risks to all parts of the World.
In accordance with the Company's Articles
of Association, Two Thirds of the Profits
are distributed annually to Contributors,
whether Shareholders or not, in proportion
to the net amount of Premiums contributed
by each, the remaining third being carried
to Reserve Fund.

OLYPHANT & Co.,
General Agents,
Hongkong, April 17, 1878.

THE SCOTTISH IMPERIAL INSUR-
ANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned having been appointed
AGENTS in Hongkong for the above-
named Company, are prepared to Grant
Policies against FIRE on Buildings and
on Goods to the extent of \$50,000, at the
usual Rates, subject to an immediate Dis-
count of 20 per cent.
Attention is invited to a considerable
reduction in Premium for Life Insurance in
China.

MEYER & Co.

Hongkong, August 13, 1878.

THE LONDON ASSURANCE
COMPANY.

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER
of
His Majesty King George The First,
A. D. 1720.

THE Undersigned having been appointed
Agents for the above Corporation are
prepared to grant Insurances as follows:—

Marine Department.
Policies at current rates payable either
here, in London or at the principal Ports
of India, China and Australia.

Fire Department.
Policies issued for long or short periods at
current rates. A discount of 20% allowed.

Life Department.
Policies issued for sums not exceeding
£5,000 at reduced rates.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.
Hongkong, July 25, 1872.

MANCHESTER FIRE ASSURANCE
COMPANY OF MANCHESTER
AND LONDON.

THE Undersigned have been appointed
Agents for the above Company at
Hongkong, Canton, Foochow, Shanghai
and Hankow, and are prepared to grant
Insurances at current rates.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.
Hongkong, October 14, 1868.

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE
COMPANY, LIMITED.

HEAD OFFICE—HONGKONG.

AGENCIES at all the Treaty Ports of
China and Japan, and at Singapore,
Siam and Penang.

Risks accepted, and Policies of Insurance
granted at the rates of Premium current at
the above mentioned Ports.
NO CHARGE FOR POLICY FEES.

JAS. B. COUGHERIE,
Secretary,
Hongkong, November 1, 1871.

Merchant Vessels in Hongkong Harbour.

Exclusive of late Arrivals and Departures reported to-day.

To facilitate finding the position of any vessel in the Harbour, the Anchorage is divided into eight Sections, commencing at Green Island. Vessels near the Hongkong shore are marked A., near the Kowloon shore B., and those in the body of the Shipping or midway between each shore are marked C., in conjunction with the figures denoting the sections.

1. From Green Island to the Gas Works.
2. From Gas Works to the Novelty Iron Works.
3. From Novelty Iron Works to the Harbour Master's Office.
4. From Harbour Master's to the P. and O. Co.'s Office.
5. From P. and O. Co.'s Office to Peddar's Wharf.
6. From Peddar's Wharf to the Naval Yard.
7. From Naval Yard to the Pier.
8. From Pier to East Point.

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